

**Introduced by Senators Johnson, Leslie, McPherson,
Monteith, and Mountjoy**

February 9, 2000

An act to amend Section 5814.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to mental health, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1464, as introduced, Johnson. Mental health services: funding.

Existing law, the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act, provides system of care programs for adults and older adults in California with severe mental illness. The act provides that county participation in its programs is voluntary, and authorizes the State Department of Mental Health to contract with counties whose programs have been approved by the department. The existing act further provides that its programs shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are appropriated for its purposes, and specifies the use of funds appropriated pursuant to the Budget Act of 1999.

This bill would appropriate \$20 million from the General Fund to the State Department of Mental Health, and would revise existing funding provisions to specify the manner in which the appropriated funds are allocated. This bill would allocate \$10 million of the appropriated funds to up to 3 counties or portions of counties that demonstrate an ability to provide comprehensive mental health services to severely

mentally ill adults who are homeless or recently released from the county jail.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5814.5 of the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code is amended to read:

3 5814.5. (a) ~~Of the funds appropriated pursuant to~~
4 ~~Schedule (a) of Item 4440-101-0001 of the Budget Act of~~
5 ~~1999, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) The sum~~
6 ~~of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) is hereby~~
7 ~~appropriated from the General Fund for the 2000-01~~
8 ~~fiscal year to the State Department of Mental Health.~~

9 (b) ~~The funds appropriated pursuant to subdivision~~
10 (a) shall be allocated in accordance with the following
11 schedule:

12 (1) The sum of five hundred thousand dollars
13 (\$500,000) shall be ~~reappropriated in augmentation of~~
14 ~~Schedule (a) of Item 4440-001-0001 of the Budget Act of~~
15 ~~1999 to provide for departmental support for the~~
16 ~~additional administrative costs associated with the~~
17 ~~augmentation contained in paragraph (2). Specifically,~~
18 ~~this amount shall be utilized by the State Department of~~
19 ~~Mental Health to provide for its administration of these~~
20 ~~programs, and to work together with the Department of~~
21 ~~Finance, the Department of Corrections, the Board of~~
22 ~~Corrections, state associations representing law~~
23 ~~enforcement and local government, and the Legislative~~
24 ~~Analyst, in order to collect and evaluate the program~~
25 ~~performance and cost data pertaining to these programs.~~

26 (2) The sum of nine million five hundred thousand
27 dollars (\$9,500,000) is hereby allocated ~~in augmentation~~
28 ~~of Item 4440-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 1999, to be~~
29 ~~awarded by the department in the 1999-2000 fiscal year,~~
30 ~~for up to three counties or portions of counties, that~~
31 ~~demonstrate that the county can provide comprehensive~~
32 ~~services, as set forth in this part, to a substantial number~~
33 ~~of adults who are severely mentally ill, as defined in~~

1 ~~Section 5600.3, and are homeless or recently released~~
2 ~~from the county jail or who are untreated, unstable, and~~
3 ~~at significant risk of incarceration or homelessness unless~~
4 ~~treatment is provided.~~

5 ~~(b) to be awarded by the department to those~~
6 ~~counties, or portions of counties, that were awarded~~
7 ~~grants in the 1999–2000 fiscal year pursuant to Item~~
8 ~~4440-101-0001 of the Budget Act of 1999, and met the~~
9 ~~criteria and conditions set forth in subdivisions (c) and~~
10 ~~(d).~~

11 (3) *The sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) is*
12 *hereby allocated to be awarded by the department in the*
13 *2000–01 fiscal year for up to three counties or portions of*
14 *counties that demonstrate that the county can provide*
15 *comprehensive services as set forth in this part, to a*
16 *substantial number of adults who are severely mentally*
17 *ill, as defined in Section 5600.3 and are homeless or*
18 *recently released from the county jail, or who are*
19 *untreated, unstable, and at significant risk of*
20 *incarceration or homelessness unless treatment is*
21 *provided.*

22 (c) (1) Counties eligible for funding pursuant to
23 ~~paragraph (2) of subdivision (a)~~ (b) shall be those that
24 have existing integrated adult service programs that
25 meet the criteria for an adult system of care, as set forth
26 in Section 5806, and that have, or can develop, integrated
27 forensic programs with similar characteristics for
28 parolees and those recently released from county jail who
29 meet the target population requirements of Section
30 5600.3 and are at risk of incarceration unless the services
31 are provided. Local enrollment for integrated adult
32 service programs and for integrated forensic programs
33 funded pursuant to ~~paragraph (2) of subdivision (a)~~ (b)
34 shall adhere to all conditions set forth by the department,
35 including the total number of clients to be enrolled, the
36 providers to which clients are enrolled and the maximum
37 cost for each provider, the maximum number of clients
38 to be served at any one time, the outreach and screening
39 process used to identify enrollees, and the total cost of the
40 program. Local enrollment of each individual for

1 integrated forensic programs shall be subject to the
2 approval of the county mental health director or his or
3 her designee.

4 (2) Each county shall ensure that funds provided by
5 these grants are used to provide new services in
6 accordance with the purpose for which they were
7 appropriated and allocated, and that none of these funds
8 shall be used to supplant existing services to severely
9 mentally ill adults. In order to ensure that this
10 requirement is met, the department shall develop
11 methods and contractual requirements, as it determines
12 necessary. At a minimum, these assurances shall include
13 that state and federal requirements regarding tracking of
14 funds are met and that patient records are maintained in
15 such a manner as to protect privacy and confidentiality,
16 as required under federal and state law.

17 ~~(e)–~~

18 (d) Each county selected to receive a grant pursuant
19 to this section shall provide data as the department may
20 require, that demonstrates the outcomes of these adult
21 system of care programs, shall specify the additional
22 numbers of severely mentally ill adults to whom they will
23 provide comprehensive services for each million dollars
24 of additional funding that may be awarded through either
25 an integrated adult service grant or an integrated
26 forensic grant, and shall agree to provide services in
27 accordance with Section 5806.

28 ~~(d)–~~

29 (e) This section shall become inoperative on July 1,
30 ~~2000~~ 2001, and, as of January 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, is repealed,
31 unless a later enacted statute, that becomes operative on
32 or before January 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, deletes or extends the
33 dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

